The poor who have no means of livelihood, especially in the slack agricultural season, should be enabled to get the wherewithal for a respectable existence. By providing employment to them, the idle manpower can be put to work for accelerating development and through it provide the minimum needs of life. Efforts are, therefore, necessary to provide assured employment to the poor at least in the slack agricultural season to start with and thereby **restore human dignity** to the rural poor. As it is a gigantic task to provide assured employment to all the landless labourers and other poorer sections, a beginning could be made during the current year to provide an employment guarantee for at least 100 days during the slack agricultural season in selected taluks and extend the scheme to cover the entire State in the remaining 4 years of the Five Year Plan for 1978-83.

ORDER NO. PD 207 PMM 78, BANGALORE, DATED, THE 24TH NOVEMBER 1978.

After a careful consideration of all aspects of the seasonal unemployment problems facing the poor in the rural areas, Government of Karnataka are pleased to accord sanction for an Employment Affirmation Scheme as detailed in the Annexure.

2. Sanction is also accorded to the following:

(a) To incur an expenditure of Rs. 8 crores (Rupees eight crores only) on the capital expenditure component and on payment of wages in cash and to provide Rs. 8 crores worth of foodgrains (wheat/rice) under the 'Food for work Programme' to pay 2/3 of wages in kind for providing employment under the scheme for 100 days in a year during the slack agricultural season in 45 selected blocks listed in the annexure.

(b) To release Rs. 2.25 crores towards capital expenditure and on wage payment in cash and also to release Rs. 2.25 crores worth of foodgrains (wheat/rice) for payment of wages in kind in the implementation of the scheme during the month of March of the current financial year (1978-79);

(c) To constitute a State Level Committee, District Level Committees and Taluk Level Committees as shown in the annexure;

(d) To authorise the Divisional Commissioners to take action for implementation of the Employment Affirmation Scheme from 1st March 1979 and for making all necessary preliminary arrangements including the meetings of the District and Taluk Level Committees;

(e) To authorise the District Level Committees to make any modifications which may become necessary in the type of schemes in the Contingency Plan as mentioned in the annexure and to substitute new schemes considered productive and useful for achieving the objective of Employment Affirmation Scheme.

3. Orders relating to the modalities of the release of funds, head of account to which the expenditure is debitable, the authority to operate the funds at the district level, allocation of funds for the different schemes etc., will issue separately.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide U. O. No. FC/7395/78, dated 23rd November 1978.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

D. M. NANJUNDAPPA,
Secretary to Government, Planning Department.

ANNEXURE TO GOVERNMENT ORDER No. PD 207 PMM 78,

DATED 24TH NOVEMBER 1978

A SCHEME FOR EMPLOYMENT AFFIRMATION (EAS) IN KARNATAKA

The aim of the Employment Affirmation Scheme (EAS) is to guarantee gainful employment to all illiterate and unskilled able-bodied adults in rural areas who are prepared to do manual work but cannot find work in the area under existing activities, both public and private for 100 days (Hundred days only) in a year during slack agricultural season.

SCOPE OF THE SCHEME

2. The scope of the Employment Affirmation Scheme (EAS) is as follows:

(1) The affirmation will operate only in the rural areas of the State. It will not extend to the areas of Municipal Councils and Corporations;